pines is headed for Utopia. Their reasoning is grounded on the proposition that uncertainty and fear, the bugbears of business, will be banned. For the first time in the Islands' history, so runs the argument, their political future is clearly defined.

But is uncertainty banned? The President of the United States has impliedly promised to rid the Philippine Commonwealth and Independence Law of its alleged inequalities. Modifications of Philippine-American trade relations are being sought. A quicker grant of independence or a change in the conditions of the grant are possibilities. Perpetual neutralization of the Philippines is simply an unrealized section of a law. American and neighboring peoples' intentions relative to an independent Philippines remain to be formulated.

Is the political future clearly defined? A Philippine Commonwealth and then a Philippine Republic. But following that, how the Filipinos will fit into the oriental scheme of things is undetermined. I would say that this is no time for the encouragement of flagging spirits by fine words, but that it is more a time for statesmanlike reasoning and the facing of the facts, however unpleasant. Concern about the future of the Philippines is unavoidable, especially by those with substantial interests at stake.

A great majority of the enlightened people of the Islands are able to see before them the dark shadows of political and economic change. To use an expression which will be well understood in the Philippines, typhoon signal number one, denoting a distant typhoon moving toward the Islands, has

been raised. It may hit the Philippines head on, and again it may avoid the Philippines entirely. But while the signal remains aloft all is gloom. Fear, real or unreal, grips the people —fear of change, fear of the unknown.

Senator William E. Borah, on the floor of the United States Senate, in announcing his vote in favor of the Hare-Hawes-Cuttihg Independence Act, uttered these words: "I know,